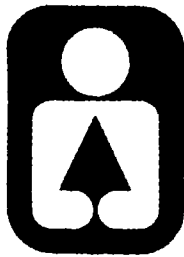




431111

Illinois



Department of Conservation

life and land together

LINCOLN TOWER PLAZA • 524 SOUTH SECOND STREET • SPRINGFIELD 62701-1787
CHICAGO OFFICE • ROOM 4-300 • 100 WEST RANDOLPH 60601

ent Manning
rector

hn W. Comerio
puty Director

uce F. Clay
Assistant Director

February 18, 1992

Mr. Wayne A. Capalby
6954 Sundown Lane
Yorkville, IL 60560

RE: Project BAAD 91-97
Oswegoland Park District
Saw-Wee-Kee Park Canoe Launch

Dear Mr. Capalby:

Thank you for your February 1 letter concerning the above referenced grant project approved under the State's "Boat Access Area Development" program. Please be advised that no State funds have been paid on the project to date. The Department is aware of the various issues at Saw-Wee-Kee Park which became known after grant approval and we are monitoring them. You can be assured no grant payment will be made on the canoe launch facility until we are confident it is safe and useable by the public. Let me also clarify that funds for the Boat Access program do not come from Department General Revenue funds but rather boat and canoe generated revenues (registration fees, marine fuel tax, etc.).

Regarding the Department's Yorkville Prairie site adjacent to Saw-Wee-Kee Park, this site was identified and evaluated as part of the statewide Natural Areas Inventory. This property contains 11 acres of high quality, virtually undisturbed mesic prairie; the largest and best in Kendall County. To preserve this pristine natural area, it was necessary to purchase the entire 16 acre parcel of which it was part. A small portion of the excess land does contain the old dumping area to which you refer. I am asking the Department's Land Management staff to take appropriate action relative to the debris.

I hope this adequately addresses your concerns. If I or my staff can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Brent Manning
Brent Manning
Director

BM:MAY:p